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## WITH THE FAST MAIL

Thrilling Story Of How Some  
Important Documents  
Were Rushed

## ACROSS CONTINENT

So As To Reach the Trans-  
atlantic Steamer and Get  
To London Janu-  
ary Fifth.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—At 11 o'clock this morning there ended in this city one of the fastest and most exciting runs over the New York Central that was ever made over any railroad in the world.

The Boston and Chicago special, pulled by engine 999, was the train that made the run. It is due to leave Chicago for the east at 10:30 a. m., but was held in Chicago yesterday half an hour in order to make connections with a train from San Francisco, having on board some important documents which the New Zealand government which were being hurried through in order to reach London on January 5th.

In order that the documents should reach London at the time desired it must be taken from New York to that city on the Cunard line steamer Campania, which was due to leave New York at noon today. The Boston and Chicago special was ordered upon request of the British ambassador, to wait at Chicago for the mail from San Francisco in order to take on board the New Zealand mail and then to make every effort to reach New York by the time the steamer started.

The special is due to arrive in this city at 1:30 p. m., if it leaves Chicago at 10:30. It having been held at Chicago half an hour to take on the western mail would make it due in New York at 2 o'clock. The Cunard people agreed to hold the Campania half an hour after starting time, noon, and then proceed slowly down the bay in order that if the train should arrive in a few minutes after the departure of the steamer a tug might take the important documents on board and overtake it.

To facilitate the transfer of the documents at this city from the train to the steamer the postal authorities arranged to have a special cart with fast horses, at the Grand Central station to receive the documents and dash through Forty-second street to the foot of Fortieth and there make connections with the steamer. It was thought that the train could not possibly reach the Grand Central station before 12 o'clock, and the surprise of the people in this city interested in the affair may be imagined when the Boston and Chicago special pulled up to the station at 11 o'clock.

Trainmen tell the story as follows: When the western mail arrived in Chicago the portion to be taken on east including the New Zealand documents, was hurriedly transferred, the conductor shouted, "All aboard," there was a puff from the engine already half an hour behind time, a groaning of the axletrees, a slip of the engine wheels, a sanding of the track, and away went the special on its special order run. The conductor passed through the cars and told the passengers not to be excited if the telegraph poles seemed to have been set thick enough to make a garden rake, or if the train jumped across the curves and seemed to have left the rails and was flying, as orders had been received to deliver some of Her Majesty Queen Vic's mail in New York at a time about two hours sooner than they would otherwise have arrived in the city, and the engineer had said he was going to please her majesty with the safe delivery of the mail she was so anxious to get or "bust a ham string."

No stops were made except at the largest cities, there was no waiting for poke-easy travelers to check their baggage, no stopping to oil, to blow out, or screw up loose nuts, but lickety-split went the special, through country and through town, with orders ahead to clear the track for the United States

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## NEARING THE END

CONTEST FOR CARNIVAL  
QUEEN CLOSES TONIGHT.

The Race Will Be Especially Spirited at the Last, and Big Money Will Be Paid Over.

The closing of the carnival queen's contest at the Sheldon tonight promises to be the most interesting function of the week. Speculation is rife as to the probable winner and it now looks as if some money will be spent on several of the candidates.

Rumors are afloat to the effect that a \$2000 check is ready to be cashed for Miss Schutz, while another faction says there are several thousand dollars already collected for Miss Trumbull. On the other hand it is persistently stated that it will take \$5000 to win over Miss Kelly. A dark horse may come in, but this is entirely improbable as interest seems to be centering on the three candidates now in the lead.

The vote in the various boxes will be counted at 7 o'clock this evening and after that hour the boxes will be gathered and the rest of the balloting will be done in the dining room of the Sheldon. There an interesting time is assured. The committee has secured an orchestra and good music will be heard between acts.

The committee will announce the vote several times during the heated contest, that those interested may have an idea of how the thing is drifting. Several people from a distance have come in to take an interest in the affair, but it would hardly be fair to tell which side these people are on.

Mr. Fisher has arranged a comfortable place for the ladies in the dining room and invites all the ladies in the city who are interested to come out and witness the scenes. He has also offered the winning young lady, whoever she may be, the use of his parlors to receive her friends at any time after the contest closes. Each of the candidates has more friends interested than an ordinary parlor would hold, and he offers from the whole house if they need it.

Those interested in this event seem to have grasped the correct idea of the honor. The honor of christening a battleship is one sought by all the elite of eastern cities and to be queen of the El Paso carnival is on the same order and the greatest honor that the people of this city could bestow.

The custom, too, is a beautiful one. It has been adopted by the government in putting into service all its great fighting vessels and taken up by every city in the country in starting the machinery of a great event like the carnival promises to be. It is an honor too great for men and is reserved for a lady because of the natural fitness of things.

## A TIRED BARBER TOOK POISON AND WENT TO JOIN HIS WIFE IN DEATH.

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 29.—After mailing letters to two men who had befriended him, Fred Grubert, a barber, retired to his room in Blake street and drank prussic acid.

He was found dead this morning by the proprietor of the house. At 8 o'clock this morning Burger Bros., who conduct a barber's supply house, notified the police that they had received a letter from Grubert. "By the time you get this I will be dead," wrote Grubert. "I am tired of the miserable life I have been leading and have decided to destroy myself. The box I left with you for safe keeping contains an insurance policy and a deed to a lot in Fairmount cemetery, where I wish to be buried with my wife."

The disheartened man had told his friends that his wife had been his best friends and since she had died he could not live without her.

## UNION LABOR WILL BUILD A HOUSE FOR THE WIDOW OF POLICEMAN LACEY.

Special Dispatch to The Herald.  
SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Dec. 29.—The labor unions of San Antonio are raising contributions to present to the widow of the late Policeman Lacey, killed in the Thanksgiving Day riot, a house and lot.

The union members will give the labor free for the erection of the house.

## EL PASO'S SCHOOL BONDS WILL BE APPROVED AT AUSTIN THIS AFTERNOON.

Special Dispatch to The Herald.  
AUSTIN, Dec. 29.—El Paso's city clerk, B. S. Catlin, is here to have the issue of high school bonds approved. They will be approved this afternoon.

## CALL HER MARTYR

A Woman Fanatic In Kansas  
Refuses 'o Be Bailed  
Out Of Jail.

## W. C. T. U MEMBERS

Follow Her About the Streets  
and Make a Great Spec-  
tacle Of Her Fanat-  
ical Attitude.

WICHITA, Dec. 29.—Mrs. Carry Nation, the woman who raided the bar-room in the Carey hotel and destroyed a valuable painting and other property was brought into court today for her preliminary hearing.

At her own request she was granted a continuance until January 5, when she expects John G. Woolley, prohibition candidate for president in the recent campaign, to defend her.

Mrs. Nation refused to give bail, and was escorted back to the county jail by a hundred members of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, all of whom regard her as a martyr.

A number of prominent citizens offered bail, but she refused to leave the prison until the charge is cleared.

## RED CROSS SOCIETY WILL HOLD WATCH MEETINGS IN ALL THE LARGE CITIES.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—The Red Cross society may have to pay \$11,000 cable tolls on messages sent and now in the possession of the organization from the crowned heads of Europe.

The messages came from many countries and are in response to the many requests from the society for an expression of sentiment on "the birth of the new century."

The society is to hold watch meetings in all of the large cities of the land and these messages will be read in the meetings.

## ANTI FOREIGN ELEMENT IN KO- REA IS EXPECTED TO RISE IN FORCE VERY SOON.

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 29.—News is brought by the steamer Rio Juan Maru that Boxer proclamations have been found in Seoul, calling upon Korean Boxers to expel all foreigners, including Japanese.

Similar proclamations have been issued by Hi Yung sick and his party. The anti-foreign element in Korea is reported to be increasing in such a manner as to cause much uneasiness. In South Korea, two missionaries were assaulted and robbed of all they had.

## MARSHALL FIELD'S BIG STORE NARROWLY ESCAPES DE- STRUCTION BY FIRE.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 29.—Marshall Field & Co's., big retail store narrowly escaped destruction early today from fire in the upholstery department on the fourth floor.

Before the blaze was under control the fire department received one of the worst scares it has had in a long time.

An estimate made while the fire was in progress placed the damage at \$100,000.

## AMERICAN WOMAN GETS \$4,000 FROM ENGLAND FOR HER HUSBAND'S DEATH.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—The British government has made an allowance of \$4000 for Mrs. Geo. F. Labram, Aurora, Ill., because of the death of her husband, killed by a Boer shell in Kimberley.

Labram was an engineer in the employ of the De Beers Consolidated Mining Co., and during the siege of Kimberley took part in the defense of the city.

## THE METAL MARKET.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Bar silver 64.

Mexican money quotations in El Paso today 49 1/2 @ 50.

## PANIC IN LONDON

Many Big Mining Brokerage  
Houses Throw Up the  
Sponge.

## CRASH MAY SPREAD

As These Concerns Have Wide  
Connections All Over  
the World Of  
Finance.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—There was a panic on the stock exchange today.

The failures of the following firms are announced: Haggard, Hale and Pixley; Carle and Driver, Douglass, Jr. & Co.; Cornfoot Bros.; F. A. Cohen; Blockley and Buskingham; Gunn & Aukrey; Richards & Sloper; Baker & Smith; F. C. Watts & Co.; Flower & Co.; F. Bouley & Co.; Bartholmew & Jack, all brokers.

Haggard, Hale & Pixley, are among the largest mining brokers in the world with important connections, and from the fact that the firm is pinched in the panic it is argued that unless the threatened crash is ward off speculative interests in all parts of the world will be affected.

Friends of the London and Globe express confidence that the corporation will be able to pull through. They say it has been tied up by a heavy raid on West Australian securities, but that with a capital stock of \$10,000,000 and an extremely wealthy board of directors, it will be able to tide over the flurry until the West Australian market recovers.

Lord Dufferin, Marquis of Dufferin and Ava, former Viceroy of India and Canada, is at the head of the London and Globe Corporation. There is much indignation against him and Whitaker White.

## STORY OF REAL CANNIBALS WHO KILL AND EAT THEIR OWN YOUNG CHILDREN.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 29.—An interesting story of life among the cannibals is related by Ben Bridge, just from Australia.

He says he was captured by savages nine years ago, and has since been a prisoner, his white skin alone saving him from snaring the fate of his black servants, who were roasted and devoured.

Bridge was the first white man the cannibals had seen, and on this account they looked upon him as a deity and his life was spared.

He describes the mode of life of these black aborigines as unspeakably barbarous. The ynot infrequently kill, roast, and eat their own young children. Their ordinary diet is yams, lizards, and iguanas.

After his escape Bridge was two months in making a terrible rough trip across the desert, before he reached civilization. He had escaped during a war between two tribes.

## A LITTLE BOY, HAVING BEEN KID- NAPED, FOUND FROZEN AND INSANE IN BARN.

FT. DODGE, Ia., Dec. 29.—Frozen, half starved, and evidently insane, Johnny Tonhoz, nine years old, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lew Tonhoz, of Judd, Ia., was found in a barn loft after absence from home for ten days. The boy is supposed to have been kidnapped. The father offered a reward of \$500 for his return or the arrest of the abductors.

The little fellow had lived upon vegetables from the loft. His legs were in a frightful condition from cold and may have to be amputated.

## GREAT DAMAGE DONE BY THE GALE ON THE COAST OF GREAT BRITAIN.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—Storm driven seas have besieged the British isles with great violence for the last thirty-six hours. A number of vessels have foundered and many seamen have been drowned. The names of the wrecked vessels have not been ascertained in most cases.

## AND WHAT NEXT? MURDEROUS ASSAULT

THE CARNIVAL WILL BE  
MERGED INTO A GREATER.

A Great Southwest Industrial Expo-  
sition Will Be the Direct Result  
of the Carnival Movement.

The story published in The Herald yesterday about the immediate benefits of the carnival, and what the move has accomplished in this short time has attracted much attention and already members of the carnival association, chamber of commerce and

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## CLAUS SPRECKELS WILL BUILD GAS WORKS IN 'FRISCO TO SPITE J. B. CROCKETT.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.—Claus Spreckles will invest \$5,000,000 in a gas plant in order to spite J. B. Crockett, president of the Electric Light company.

Three years ago Spreckles made complaint to Crockett that the smoke from the Electric Light company's tall chimney annoyed the tenants in the Spreckles building.

Crockett made some facetious reply, whereupon Spreckles swore he would make Crockett rue the day he refused to abate the smoke nuisance.

Spreckles now has all plans ready for starting a new gas plant, which will be a deadly competitor of the old company in which Crockett and his friends are large stockholders. The new works will be located at Potrero.

## MEXICAN AND WHITE LABORERS BRUTALLY ASSAULT CHINESE LABORERS IN CALIFORNIA.

CASA BLANCA, Cal., Dec. 29.—An infuriated mob of fifteen laborers, white men and Mexicans, visited a Chinese camp and commanded the eight occupants of a tent to throw up their hands. The request was promptly obeyed, and immediately the frightened Celestials were placed in a farm wagon and hauled to Santa Ana river bottom, several miles distant, where they were subjected to the most brutal treatment. Several Chinese were seriously wounded.

The trouble was due to the discharge from a packing house of several Mexican girls.

## THE BOERS HAVE NOW INVAD- ED NATAL IN FORCE AND FIGHT- ING IS IN PROGRESS.

STANDERTON, Dec. 29.—It is reported that a Boer command of three thousand men has invaded Natal. Skirmishes have taken place in several places.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—Kitchener reports that the British column was attacked at Craynestad. Two captains were wounded. Eight men were killed, twenty-seven wounded, and twenty are missing.

## AN AMERICAN ART STUDENT DY- ING OF STARVATION IN THE PARIS LATIN QUARTER.

PARIS, Dec. 29.—Alice Worthington, an American art student, living in a small furnished room in an obscure street in the Latin quarter, was found unconscious in his room, dying of starvation.

It is thought her family lives in Rochester or Buffalo.

## THE UNITED STATES MAIL STEAM- ER TILLAMORE OF 'FRISCO GIVEN UP AS LOST.

SEATTLE, Wn., Dec. 29.—The steamers Bertha and Dolphin have arrived from Alaska with news tending to sustain the belief that the United States mail steamer Tillamore of San Francisco, so long overdue from Dutch Harbor, is lost.

## M'DONALD, WHO KILLED AUDI- TOR MORRIS, DIED OF SELF STARVATION.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 29.—McDonald, who killed Auditor Morris of the war department last week and then attempted suicide, died this morning. He would have lived, but absolutely refused food and drink, being determined to die.

## PRIZE FIGHTING PROHIBITED IN PATERSON, N. J., AS RE- SULT OF FIASCO.

PATERSON, N. J., Dec. 29.—The police issued an order today prohibiting boxing in this city as a result of the Smith-Mahoney fiasco.

Committed Upon An Inoffen-  
sive Mexican Carpenter  
Christmas Night

## CLOTHES CUT OFF

After He Had Been Beaten  
With a Car Pin, and He  
Suffered Greatly From  
Exposure.

The facts have just leaked out in the case of a seemingly unwarranted assault which came near being a murder, committed on the person of Apolinar Estrada on Christmas night.

Estrada is a carpenter and lives in one of the group of Mexican huts in the open lot south of the Santa Fe depot. He was injured by a falling scaffold about four months ago and has been unable to work since, until Christmas day he decided that he would try it again.

He went to see J. E. Terry, the contractor, in the evening and was told he could go to work for him next Monday. He left Mr. Terry about 8 o'clock and started home. When near the Santa Fe depot he met a gang of Mexicans, about eight in number, and they called for him to stop. He did so and one of them knocked him down by hitting him in the back of the head with a car pin.

Estrada says that it seems that he was about half conscious, though helpless, and could hear the men talking. They said they believed he was dead and then planned to dispose of the body. They decided to put it in a car of a freight train that was about to leave on the Santa Fe and would dump it out somewhere on the road to the smelter, and then get out themselves.

They pulled a sack down over his head, cut off his coat and vest, and then pulled the sack down over his arms. Taking a rope they tied the bottom of the sack tight around his body, pinning his hands down to the side of his body. Then they cut the remainder of his clothing off, but his shirt, which was under the sack.

It seems that the villains were then frightened away, or concluded to leave their victim there and left on the freight train. The victim of their murderous assault lay on the ground almost naked until about three o'clock in the morning, when he regained consciousness and went home. Dr. H. Thompson was called and dressed his wound and gave him other medical attention to counteract the effects of the exposure he had undergone.

When Estrada reached his home his wife thought he was drunk and he says that is why he has not told of the assault before. He was afraid the people would think he was drunk, but he was not, and he thinks he can prove it by Mr. Terry, who saw him a short time before the assault.

Two officers have called on Estrada for particulars and description of the men, but he is unable to give any description other than that they were Mexicans and wore Mexican hats. He thinks they must live out about the smelter, from the talk he heard while they were binding him and cutting off his clothing.

## KID M'COY'S HAND CUT ON MAN'S TEETH AND HE MAY LOSE IT YET.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Kid McCoy engaged in a street fight a few days ago as a result of having been jostled by two pedestrians, one of whom he knocked down and the other was given a bloody nose. McCoy cut his right hand on the teeth of the strangers and the hand today is so badly swollen that blood poisoning is feared.

## BOXING BOUTS STOPPED BY THE POLICE AUTHORITIES IN ST. LOUIS.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 29.—The bouts scheduled for last night were declared off. The authorities interfered.